

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
June 16, 2014 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, and Dean Bruce, Jon Stantz

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Chief Marshal Foutch

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 2, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

There were no public issues.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Foutch reported on a case which took him to Grant County in regards to a piece of equipment stolen from Riddle Tractor. He next made the suggestion that if Car#6 was not going to be purchased by Gosport, it should be retained for use by Debbie Foutch. Debbie will then transfer the new Durango to Officer Bonebrake for use as a K-9 unit, and the current K-9 unit could be transferred to the Street Department. This would allow the Street Department to surplus the Ford Explorer they are currently using. Jon Stantz said to wait to see what Gosport's intentions are.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that he contacted Detroit Salt and is able to purchase a hundred tons for the price of \$77.89 per ton, a slight increase over last year at \$76.76.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the contract with Detroit Salt for 100 tons at the price of \$77.89 per ton. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next Jon Stantz brought up the issue of unkempt properties around town. It was decided that the police will give the owners 10 days to correct, and if it remains that way afterwards, the Street Department will step in and mow. They will charge the homeowner for this service and if necessary, it will be added as a lien to the property.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant operations and maintenance. He discussed problems he has encountered on a manhole behind 744 E. Indiana St. He said it caused infiltration, but they reset it again, and the issue was resolved. He also discussed problems along East Street and Garden. He did not feel that these issues were part of the overall infiltration problem.

John Hodge requested to sell the 1998 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck. The Board agreed, and requested the Clerk-Treasurer to advertise and sell with a minimum bid of \$500.00.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Cynthia said she is still working on filling two vacant positions.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Cynthia proposed to fill the board position previously held by Roger Freeman with Marty Workman.

Dean Bruce made a motion to appoint Marty Workman to the Fire Territory. Motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Nothing new to report. Mr. Lorenz commented on the residual effects of having Hoosier Energy and the work that the Tivoli is doing for increasing interest in new business ventures here in Spencer.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz reminded everyone that the Town will hold its Clean Up Day on June 21st, at the Owen County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Discussion about updating the Town website was discussed next. Dean Bruce said he would work with Cheryl Moke to get her started in the process.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Budget work session was set for 6 p.m. on July 7th prior to the next regular meeting.

Clerk Treasurer presented Bank reconciliations and Appropriations reports for review by the Board.

Jon Stantz presented a preliminary cost estimate from GRW for the cost of new light poles in the amount of \$571,659.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer